

***The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
Fact Sheet December 2017***

Background: TEFAP is a USDA funded supplemental food program administered by the CDSS. EFAP provides administrative funds and USDA commodities to a network of food banks throughout California. The food banks use the administrative funds to provide commodities to income eligible individuals and families. The supplemental food program is not designed to provide food to individuals or families for an extended period; rather it provides no more than 4 to 5 days' worth of food per month.

Counties: There are 48 food banks throughout the State of California with approximately 2,300 distribution sites and congregate feeding sites.

Funding: The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017, California's total administrative funding for TEFAP was \$11,442,518. TEFAP is funded through 3 types of allocation:

- ❖ Administrative: Funding for the storage, handling, and distribution of TEFAP food
- ❖ Entitlement: Funding for food purchases
- ❖ Supplemental: Comprised of funds set aside by TEFAP for emergency purposes, unspent funds by food banks, unspent state operational expenses, and unspent funds re-allocated from other states

Foods Available:

- ❖ Entitlement – food purchased with allocated funds, including canned fruits, vegetables, and meats, canned and bottled juices, rice, beans, pastas, and soups.
- ❖ Bonus – Entitlement category foods that may be available due to surplus inventory and/or price stabilization needs, which is donated the by USDA; bonus food does not affect a country's food purchase funding allocation, and may include fresh, frozen meats, eggs, and dairy.
- ❖ Donate Don't Dump (DDD) – DDD, salvages produce from farmers and packing houses, which by Governor's Proclamation in 1995, is provided to food banks for distribution to individuals and families in need at no cost.

Eligibility: To be eligible for USDA commodities, recipients certify under penalty of perjury that they meet the EFAP Income Guideline of 150 percent of current Federal Poverty Level. This program is one of the last safety net programs available to people who are in desperate need. EFAP ensures there are no added barriers to receive the assistance.

Distributions: For the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, a total of 112,773,487 pounds of food was distributed. This represents 108,565,737 million pounds of USDA commodities and 4,207,750 million pounds of California's Donate Don't Dump (DDD) program.

People Served: Approximately, 1.1 million people are served monthly.